## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 and 18-20 have been cancelled so that claims 11-17 are now in the application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment he is respectfully requested to contact Lewis L. Nunnelley at (408) 256-2117.

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